

during rest of year.

Accept from me on behalf of
myself and all suffering
California botanist our mutual
thanks for unravelling the tangle
of *Heterotheca floribunda* and
H. grandiflora - also greatest joy
of all relegating *Hemizonia*
ramosissima - to the obscurity
it so well deserves -

Truly & respectfully yours

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My Dear Dr. Gray.

In reply to your recent favor, permit
me while expressing thanks - to
say that fortuitous circumstances
will enable me to return to
Catalina probably within a few
days - whence I hope to bring
fruiting specimens of shrubs &c.

In reply to other points in your
letter - I would state that my
going now will not act as
a bar to my going again in
the spring with your friend,
further - unless he knows of desiderata
to be obtained in flower or fruit
in the months suggested - Jan or Feb.
I would respectfully suggest that
he make it a month or six weeks
~~later~~. My reasons are manifold.
1st During Jan & Feb. our S. E.
gales prevail - and the voyage
at all other times one of perfect

Safety in an open boat. requires
at that time the charter of a
sea going vessel.

25 I think Los Angeles the
cheapest and most expeditious
base for exploration of the
Los Angeles Islands - and Sta
Barbara of the upper islands
Sta Rosa, Sta. Cruz &c.

The lower islands, next season
I can explore at a minimum
expense. Sheep owners of Clemente
have tendered me passage and
accomodation for three weeks
in March during their sheep
shearing - and the same for
Catalina in April. - while
San Nicolas, could only be
reached by chartered vessel -

A well adapted vessel for the
more distant San Nicolas now
lies at San Pedro and her
public spirited owner would I

am quite certain supply her for
the purpose you have in view
gratis. the cost of manning her
with sailors & skipper - would not
exceed \$5⁰⁰ per diem. - beside
cost of food or provisions which
would depend on size of party.
The same vessel I think
might be obtained for the
Sta Barbara islands and
provisioned here - and if so
I say I think likely she can be
obtained free a great saving can
be effected - by securing her
instead of a Sta. Barbara boat,
whose cost would not be inconsiderable.
Food and Bedding would in all
cases have to be transported
to every point except Catalina
and Clemente - and to those at
all times except the shearing
season - extending from March 10th
to April 15th. as they are deserted